Government's view, *inter-alia,* that migration of the existing licensees to the New Telecom Policy-1999 (NTP-99) regime of revenue sharing arrangement was a result of informed and institutionalized decision in best public interest making pragmatic adjustments warranted by ground realities in relation to the Telecom Industry.

Defaulting private telecom companies in Andhra Pradesh

472. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to cancel the licenses of private telecom operators who have not paid their fees;

(b) the defaulting companies which would face the danger of cancellation;

(c) whether any such companies are operating in Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the amounts owed by them; and

(e) what steps will be taken to ensure the continuity of services in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Action against the private telecom operators who have not paid their fees is to be taken in accordance with their licence condition.

(b) Extension of time has been given to all the companies, which are under migration, for payment of outstanding dues upto 15.3.2000. The names of other defaulting companies for major telecom services are given in Statement-I.(*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As per the enclosed Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) In case any licence is cancelled, the other service providers, wherever existing for that service, continues to provide the service.

Statement-I

Cellular Mobile Telephone Service (Circle)

1. M/s. Aircell Digilink, UP (East)
2. M/s. Koshika Telecom, UP (East)

Radio Paging Service:

1. M/s. ABC Communications Pvt. Ltd.
2. M/s. Beltron Communications Ltd.
3. M/s. BPL Systems & Projects Ltd.
4. DSS Mobile Commns. Ltd.
5. Eider PWI Commns. Ltd.
6. Eider PWI Paging Services Ltd.
7. Easycall Commns. (India) Pvt. Ltd.
8. Hutchison Max Telecom.
9. Matrix Paging (India) Pvt. Ltd.
10. Microwave Communications Ltd.
11. Modi Korea Telecommunications Ltd.
12. Netherland India Commns. Enterprises Pvt. Ltd.
13. Page Point Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.
14. RPG Paging Services Ltd.
15. Telesistem (India) Pvt. Ltd.
16. Usha Martin Telekom Ltd.
17. Punwire Mobile Commns. Ltd.
18. Punwire Paging Services Ltd.

Statement-II

Radio Paging Service

Sl. No.	Name of Defaulting companies in Andhra Pradesh	Total Amounts Owed (As on 31.1.2000 excluding interest) against the company (in Rupees)
1.	M/s. Punwire Mobile Communication Ltd.	922654565
2.	M/s. Pagepint Services (India) Pvt. Ltd.	38016781
3.	M/s. Easy Call Communication (India) Pvt. Ltd.	71854057
4.	M/s. Usha Martin Telecom Ltd.	18140128
5.	M/s. Hutchison Max Telecom Ltd.	30932737
6.	M/s. DSS Mobile Communications Ltd.	198338070

Satellite telephones in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh

473. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 35 given in the Rajya Sabha on 30th November, 1999 and state:

(a) the names of such villages in far-flung areas in Himachal Pradesh, district-wise, where satellite telephones have been provided and are yet to be provided; and

(b) the month and year when this scheme was framed and by when this scheme will materialise to benefit all the villages in far-flung areas of Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF